

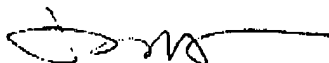
REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 13, 2004, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire October 13, 2004.

As instructed in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, only the "Amendments to the Claims" section is being resubmitted herein.

If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 451-5903 to expedite prosecution of this case.

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